

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1745 - HB 1890

January 12, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Clarifies current law which establishes preferences for the enrollment of children in a public charter school where applications exceed the planned capacity of the public charter school. The bill provides that children residing within the local education agency (LEA) service area in which the public charter school is located, but who are not enrolled in public schools, may enroll in the charter school if those children would otherwise be included in the *geographic or subject matter* area in which the public charter school will focus rather than *the area* in which the public charter school will focus, as provided in current law.

Current law provides that if applications exceed the planned capacity of the public charter school, the following preferences shall apply:

- Pupils in attendance in the previous school year at any public school that converts to become a public charter school;
- Pupils attending public school within the LEA in which the public charter school is located, if those pupils would otherwise be included in the area in which the school will focus;
- Children residing within the LEA service area in which the school is located, but who are not enrolled in public schools, if those pupils would otherwise be included in the area in which the school will focus;
- Children residing outside the LEA in which the public charter school is located and whose needs would be included in the area in which the school will focus.

If enrollment within a group of preference exceeds the planned capacity of the school, enrollment within that group shall be determined on the basis of a lottery.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumes that adding clarifying language to current law will not increase state or local government expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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